

YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, THE SQUARE, YARMOUTH ON THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors S Mence (Deputy Mayor), P Garlick, A Ingrams, S Poston and B Tongue.

IN ATTENDANCE: R H Blezzard (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors R Corbett, S Cowley and R Goodridge

229/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

230/09 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Members had before them a list of accounts for payment.

RESOLVED: That the following accounts be authorised and paid:

| Cheque Number | Payee | Details | Amount £ |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 882 | British Telecom | Telephone/Internet Charges | 200.60 |
| 883 | SLCC | LCA and Clerks' Manual | 102.60 |
| 884 | IW Council | Room Hire, Yarmouth School | 73.32 |
| 885 | Able Flags | New flags | 498.26 |
| 886 | St Swithins Church | Room Hire, Thorley Church | <u>50.40</u> |
| | | | 925.18 |

231/09 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL (VARIOUS STREETS YARMOUTH) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER NO 1 2009 AND RESIDENTS' PARKING REVIEW

Members had before them copies of the Traffic Orders and maps showing the proposed changes to on street parking arrangements.

RESOLVED: That the Council submits the following comments in respect of the proposed on street parking arrangements:

Station Road: Sufficient public parking spaces are needed for patients attending the Doctors' Surgery;

The Mount: The Council wishes to see as many spaces as possible provided on the western side for residents and visitors;

Thorley Road: The Council welcomes the No Waiting restrictions and wishes to see these extended by a further 100 yards.

232/09 PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Applications

Members considered one planning application deferred from the last meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Council makes the observations set out below:

P/01202/09 – TCP/22425/E – Variation of conditions numbered 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17, and 20 on TCP/22425/B at Newclose Farm, Main Road, Thorley. OBJECT STRONGLY AS THE ORIGINAL CONDITIONS WERE REASONABLE. THE COUNCIL VIEWS THIS AS A CYNICAL ATTEMPT TO RETROSPECTIVELY REGULARISE THE APPLICANT’S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ORIGINAL CONDITIONS. THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY IS THEREFORE STRONGLY URGED TO REFUSE THIS APPLICATION AND TO CARRY OUT A SITE VISIT TO ASCERTAIN THE EXTENT OF THE FAILURE OF THE APPLICANT TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS AND THEN TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

Planning Decisions

Members had before them details of a recent planning decision made by the Isle of Wight Council.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and noted.

Island Plan – Minerals and Waste Development Plan

Members had before them the Waste Site Summary report of the Island Plan – Minerals and Waste Development Plan.

RESOLVED: That the following comments be submitted to the Isle of Wight Council: “Yarmouth Town Council notes the Waste Site Summary report and the potential sites for new landfill facilities. The Town Council wishes to see the need for new landfill sites kept to a minimum and is concerned that the Gassification Plant is not up and running to maximum capacity. The Town Council would like to see the mining of waste at existing landfill sites to fuel the Gassification Plant and a strategy to minimise the waste going to landfill, not least commercial waste.

233/09 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT

Members were advised that IWALC was asking member councils to write to Andrew Turner MP and to John Denham MP, to complain that new powers promised to local Councils had been removed from the Sustainable Communities Act and to ask that the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill which would restore the promised new powers be supported.

RESOLVED: That the request by IWALC be supported.

**234/09 THE ISLE OF WIGHT PROPOSAL TO REORGANISE YOUTH
CONNEXIONS SERVICES**

Members were advised that the consultation on the reorganisation of the Youth Service will end on 11 October 2009.

RESOLVED: that a special meeting of the Council be held on Thursday 8 October 2009 to respond to the consultation on the reorganisation of the Youth Service.

There being no further business the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm

Signed..... Date.....
(Chairman)

YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF YARMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, THE SQUARE, YARMOUTH ON THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2009 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors S Cowley (Town Mayor), R Corbett, A Ingram, S Mence and B Tongue.

IN ATTENDANCE: R H Blezzard (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors P Garlick and S Poston.

235/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Corbett declared a personal interest in Minute 236/09 by reason of being the Council's representative on the Yarmouth Youth and Community Centre Management Committee.

236/09 YOUTH CONNEXIONS SERVICES REORGANISATION

Members had before them Cabinet papers dealing with the proposed reorganisation of the Youth Connexions Services. Proposals included the closure of existing youth centres and budget savings of £255,000. Standing Orders were suspended to allow staff and voluntary workers from the Yarmouth Youth and Community Centre to address the meeting. Standing Orders were reinstated.

RESOLVED: (a) That the following comments be submitted to the Isle of Wight Council in response to the Youth Connexions Services Reorganisation:

1. Yarmouth Town Council is totally opposed to the closure of Yarmouth Youth and Community Centre which provided a valuable facility not only for the youth of Yarmouth and the surrounding area but also for local community groups. It should be noted that unlike many other Island communities of a similar size Yarmouth does not have a separate community centre.
2. Yarmouth Youth and Community Centre caters for some 15 to 20 young people who regularly attend the centre. If the Youth and Community Centre is lost there will be a lack of alternative provision which exists in the larger communities on the Island.
3. Yarmouth Youth and Community Centre is served by a dedicated team of part time staff and voluntary workers whose contribution would be lost if the Centre closes. The proposals do not take account of the valuable informal counselling that is provided on a regular basis by the youth leaders and volunteer staff. The Youth Centre has in recent years gone from strength to strength.
4. The proposals for the Island to be split into three large areas for the provision of youth services will be too centralised and will leave rural areas at a distinct disadvantage. It appears to be a case of "one size fits all."

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236/09 YOUTH CONNEXIONS SERVICES REORGANISATION (Continued)

5. The proposals are seen as another attack on the community of Yarmouth following recent proposals to close the primary school and fire station. The proposals do not take into account the importance the provision of a youth centre is to the electorate of Yarmouth.
6. Anti social behaviour in Yarmouth is fortunately very low. This is to a great extent considered to be due to the success of the Yarmouth Youth and Community Centre. There is concern that the closure of the Yarmouth Youth and Community Centre could lead to an increase in low level anti social behaviour.
7. The proposals will not provide an adequate replacement for the current provision for young people. A mobile unit will not encourage young people to have the personal attachment that currently exists.
8. There is concern that if the Yarmouth Youth and Community Centre is closed communities like Yarmouth will be marginalised in the new management arrangements for the Youth Service.
9. The need for a youth centre in Yarmouth has been identified in the recently approved Yarmouth and Thorley Community Plan.
10. There is no reference to sailing in the partnership list which is considered to be derisory and bears no relation to the needs identified in the Yarmouth and Thorley Community Plan.
11. There appears to be no monitoring regime in place to assess the effectiveness of the new proposals.
12. There is concern that vacant middle management posts in the Youth Service means that there is a lack of adequate line management support for Youth Service staff on the ground.
 - (b) That a generic letter of objection similar to the ones used to object to the closure of Yarmouth Primary School and Yarmouth Fire Station objecting to the closure of the Yarmouth Youth and Community Centre be produced and circulated locally.

There being no further business the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.20pm

Signed..... Date.....
(Town Mayor)